

Statement of Substance of Interview

[0002] The Examiner graciously spoke with me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—by phone on November 18, 2008. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner’s willingness to talk. Such willingness is invaluable to both of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0003] During the interview, we discussed the status of claims 33 and 34 overcoming the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejections. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting prosecution, I also proposed several possible amendments to the specification and the claims highlighting compliance with statutory subject matter.

[0004] Examiner Rutledge was receptive to the discussion, and I understood her to indicate that claims 33 and 34 were inadvertently included in a listing of rejected claims on page 16 of the Office Action, that claims 33 and 34 as well as claims 1-4, 6-9, and 11-13 were allowed, and the proposed specification and claim amendments appeared to place the remaining claims in condition for allowance over the cited references of record, subject to an updated search.

[0005] Applicant herein presents amendments consistent with the discussion during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited references of record for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.